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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the claims:

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-41 and add new claims 42-66.

42. (New) An isolated polypeptide having phosphatonin activity.
43. (New) The polypeptide of Claim 42 wherein said polypeptide has an activity selected from the group consisting of:
- regulating sodium dependent phosphate co-transport;
  - regulating renal 25-hydroxy vitamin D3-24-hydroxylase;
  - regulating renal 25-hydroxy-D-1-a-hydroxylase; and
  - regulating skeletal formation and/or mineralization.
44. (New) The polypeptide of Claim 42 having a molecular weight in a range of from about 53 to 60 kDa as measured on SDS-PAGE.
45. (New) The polypeptide of Claim 42 having a molecular weight of about 200 kDa as measured on a bis-tris SDS-PAGE at pH 7.
46. (New) The polypeptide of Claim 42 comprising SEQ ID NO: 2.
47. (New) A formulation comprising the polypeptide of Claim 42 and a pharmacologically